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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LAUNCHES GOP 10 YEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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1. SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE PANTABANGAN HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT AT NUEVA ECIJA JUNE 19, PRESIDENT MARCOS COMMITTED HIS GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT THE 10-YEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN EVOLVING OVER THE PAST YEAR. (DETAILS OF THE PLAN OF INTEREST TO US BUSINESS WERE REPORTED IN REFERENCES. FULL COPY OF MOST RECENT VERSION BEING POUCHEO USDOC/MPD.)

2. THE PRESIDENT REITERATED THE GOP POLICY THAT NO NEW OIL-FUELED THERMAL PLANTS WILL BE BUILT IN LUZON. EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON DEVELOPING HYDROELECTRIC, GEOTHERMAL, AND NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. A NEW TWIST IS THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MICRO-HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS WHICH HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES IN THE PRC AND EUROPE ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE SMALL ISLANDS IN THE VISAYAS. PRESENT PLANS FOCUS ON THE USE OF SMALL DIESEL UNITS IN THE SHORT TERM AND COAL AND GEOTHERMAL POWER IN THE LONG TERM FOR THE VISAYAS. THE PRESIDENT ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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ANNOUNCED HE HAD ORDERED THE HYDROELECTRIC PROGRAM IN MINDANAO SPEEDED UP.

3. A RECENT GOP PUBLICATION, "TOWARDS A NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY", DETAILED THIS POWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT, AND COSTED THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENT AT \$6.4 BILL

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